



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF JEROME AND)
RONDA PRISTER, PETITIONERS v.)
UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY, INC.,)
RESPONDENT)
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ORDER ADOPTING
INITIAL DECISION

BPU Docket No. WC03020093U
OAL Docket No. PUC 3116-03

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On February 5, 2003, Jerome and Ronda Prister (Petitioners) filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (Board) for a hearing alleging overbilling by United Water New Jersey, Inc. (Respondent). On February 27, 2003, Respondent filed an answer denying the allegations.

On March 11, 2003, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Margaret M. Hayden.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and executed a Stipulation of Settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On July 15, 2003, ALJ Hayden filed her Initial Decision with the Board, recommending that the settlement be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

The settlement provides, in part, that United Water New Jersey will provide Petitioners a credit of \$600.00. Petitioners will pay the remaining disputed amount of \$654.00 in eight quarterly installments of \$81.75 each, in addition to continuing charges for ongoing service. Furthermore, United Water New Jersey will conduct a high bill inspection at the Petitioners' premises.

After review, the Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. Therefore, the Board HEREBY ADOPTS the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement in their entirety, incorporating the terms thereof into this final decision as if fully set forth at length herein.

DATED: 8/19/03

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